



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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SEMA's Training Schedule Posted to Homepage

Be sure to check SEMA's new training schedule often! New classes may be added throughout the year. Here is the link: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/TrainingSchedule?OpenForm>

The following new FY'06 SEMA courses that have enrollment openings:

9/19-9/21	CERT T-t-T	Independence
10/2-10/4	Emergency Planning for Special Needs T-t-T	Jefferson City
10/9-10/11	CERT T-t-T	New Madrid
10/11-10/12	Evacuation & Re-entry	West Plains
10/13-10/15	CERT T-t-T	Hannibal
10/17-10/20	ICS T-t-T	Jefferson City
10/18-10/20	Debris Management	Springfield
11/1-11/2	WMD Medical Considerations	Kirkville
11/7-11/9	Principles of Emergency Management	St. Louis County
11/14-11/15	Donations Management	Springfield

Congratulations Charlie Jones, NWS Storm Hero!

The National Weather Service named Caruthersville EMD Charlie Jones a NWS Storm Hero for his response to the April 3, 2006, tornadoes that destroyed over 60% of the homes in Caruthersville (Pemiscot County). Caruthersville is a Storm Ready Community. The NWS recognized his storm watcher response, his ability to warn the citizens to immediately seek shelter, especially making sure over 150 citizens attending evening church services sought shelter minutes before the church was destroyed. Despite the fact Charlie was one of over 100 people injured, he managed the city's immediate life safety operations. Jones effectively used NOAA NWS radio alter system to issue emergency information and to alert traffic the Caruthersville was closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles.

Homeland Security Grant Deadlines Approaching

Reminder, the deadline for spending approved Extension Requests is quickly approaching. Please check your particular award for the deadline. NO additional extension requests will be available on FY 03-2 or FY 04.

- **FY 03-2 — ends 10/31/2006**
- **FY 04 — ends November 30, 2006.**
- **FY 05 spending is expected to be complete in either January or February 2007.**

Area Coordinator Meetings

Area A:	10 a.m., Sept. 7, 2006	Johnson Co. EMA, Warrensburg
Area B:	6:30 p.m., Sept. 19, 2006	Kirkville Fire Department
Area F:	10 a.m., Sept. 20, 2006	Callaway Co. Law Enforcement Ctr., Fulton
Area G:	11:30 a.m., Sept. 13, 2006	Hillbilly Junction, Willow Springs
Area H:	1 p.m., Sept. 12, 2006	Public Safety Bldg, Cameron

SEMA Needs Statewide Training Needs Assessment Survey by September 1

By O. J. Stone, SEMA Training Officer

The Statewide Training Needs Assessment Project will help SEMA to identify unmet training needs of the responder organizations and communities within the State of Missouri. The 50 question annual survey gives SEMA the capability to analyze training needs both statewide, and for specific areas, and specific disciplines. SEMA will use the survey information to provide training that will best fit the needs of responders within their specific geographic and jurisdictional locations. For the purposes of this initial survey, all Missouri counties EMDs and City EMDS with a population of 3000 and above are asked to coordinate with local responder disciplines to participate in the on-line survey **before September 1, 2006**.

The Training Needs Assessment survey is designed to accept input from: Public Works, Fire Service, Public Health, Law Enforcement, HazMat, Emergency Management, Volunteer Organizations, Health Care (Hospitals), Emergency Medical Services, Government Administration, and Public Safety Communications

If your jurisdiction has a population of 3000 or above and you have not received the survey, please contact your local EMD for the survey access information.

CERT Grant Application Deadline September 15

SEMA will accept **non-FY 2005 Citizen Council Program** Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training grant applications until September 15, 2006. The grant package has been revised. However if a community has already submitted a FY 2005 CERT application, there is no need to reapply. The FY 2005 CERT grant application packet is available at: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/05CERTGrant.htm>.

For more information please contact: Matt Nutt at 573-526-9223, email: matt.nutt@sema.dps.mo.us or Debbie Rathert at 573-526-9224, email: debbie.rathert@sema.dps.mo.us

2006 State LEPC Conference Set for September 21-22, Springfield

The Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) and the Springfield/Greene County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) are jointly sponsoring the 2006 State LEPC conference, September 21-22, in Springfield. For conference registration information contact Carolyn Fink at Springfield/Greene County EMA (417) 869-6040.

CEDAP Grant Deadline September 22

By Tom Mohr, SEMA HS Program Manager

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced applications are being accepted for the fiscal year 2006 (FY 2006) Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP). **The application period closes September 22, 2006.**

CEDAP provides smaller communities and rural areas with technology and equipment, together with training and technical assistance, to help enhance first responder capabilities throughout the nation. Eligible applicants include law enforcement agencies, fire, and other emergency responders who demonstrate that the equipment will be used to improve their ability and capacity to respond to a major critical incident or improve their ability to work with other first responder. **Eligible applicants include agencies and departments not currently receiving funding from either the St. Louis area or the Kansas City area UASIs.**

To submit an application for an FY 2006 CEDAP award, applicants should visit www.rkb.mipt.org. Once submitted, the application undergoes several steps, including approval by the applicant's respective State Administrative Agency (SAA), and a review board composed of subject matter experts. You can access

information on the SEMA Website at: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/terrorlinks.htm>. This website will also give you access to the RKG.

NIMS Compliance Deadline September 30

By O.J. Stone, Training Officer

SEMA Training Section continues to receive numerous queries from responders and local government officials regarding NIMS compliance and deadlines. **The Compliance Deadline is September 30, 2006.** In an effort to clear up some of the confusion as we approach our first deadline for compliance, the following basic information is offered:

- IS-700: All Emergency Responders is for First-Line Supervisors, Mid-level Response Supervisors, Senior-level Response Managers, and Elected Officials.
- IS-100: All Emergency Responders is for First-line Supervisors, Mid-level Response Supervisors, Senior-level Response Managers, and Elected Officials.
- IS-200: First-Line Supervisors is for Mid-level Response Supervisors, and Senior-level Response Managers.
- IS-800: Mid-level Response Managers, and Senior-level Response Managers.

Who should take training? Examine different positions during an actual incident within the jurisdiction. If an individual would conceivably be placed within the structure of the response to an incident, that individual should complete the NIMS training appropriate to that level/position. In addition, any person who has assigned responsibilities within the local Emergency Operations Plan should complete appropriate levels of training.

The deadlines for completion of the IS-300 and IS-400 courses have been continued into FY2007, with a compliance date of September 30, 2007.

HDER Equipment Program

The **Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER)** Program is available to provide surplus radiological detection instrumentation and other equipment, as well as training and long-term technical support, to emergency responder agencies to enhance their homeland security preparedness capabilities. This grant is open to all first responders. The website to access the list of equipment is <http://www.rkb.mipt.org>

Please send your list by mail, fax or email to SEMA, as soon as possible. SEMA must submit orders before the following deadlines: December 1, 2006, March 1, 2007, June 1, 2007, and September 1, 2007.

For more information, contact Brian Ingram at 573-526-9227, or email: Brian.Ingram@sema.dps.mo.gov

Cape Girardeau to Host RCPI Course October 12-13

“Creating Vigilant, Prepared, and Resilient Communities for Homeland Security” will be offered October 12-13 at the Osage Community Center, Cape Girardeau. The Missouri-Regional Community Policing Institute (RCPI), the Western Regional-RCPI, and the Department of Homeland Security’s Domestic Preparedness Department are sponsoring the course.

PPE Training for LEA/EMS Personnel

If your organization received Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) through the LEA/EMS program in FY2004, training is still available to help your personnel learn to correctly use the equipment. Please contact the State Training Office, Jim Charrier (573-526-9120) or Debbie Cheshire (573-526-9111) to arrange training.

Congratulations, Nick Gragnani!

Nick Gragnani is the new director of STARRS (St. Louis Area Rapid Response System). Many EMDs know Nick as an outstanding SEMA instructor and former member of the St. Louis County Emergency Management Agency.

Missouri's Regional National Preparedness August-October Events

Troop A (Kansas City and West Central area) the Kansas City PBS television station will conduct a live call-in show on disaster preparedness and volunteering. Throughout September and October, training will be offered for citizens wishing to volunteer for CERT, VIPS, and Fire Corps.

Troop B (Northeast Missouri) members of the Kirksville Medical Reserve Corps will participate in a mock bus accident in October.

Troop C (St Louis and East Central area) throughout September and October training will be offered for citizens wishing to volunteer for CERT, VIPS, and Fire Corps.

Troop D (Southwest Missouri) the State Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Conference in September 21-23, Springfield will offer training and showcase the 114 LEPCs. The Lawrence County Citizen Council will participate in a Pierce City Fair in September.

Troop E (Cape Girardeau and Southeast Missouri) The Cape Chapter of the Red Cross, the Cape Girardeau County Public Health Cape Girardeau, and the CERT Alliance Disaster Preparedness will host an awareness event at the Cape Girardeau mall center court on Saturday, September 9th. **Earthquake Exercises:** Southeast Missouri First Responders will participate in an earthquake tabletop exercise in Sikeston on Friday, September 22. They will participate in a full-scale earthquake response exercise on Saturday, September 23 in Scott County.

Troop F (Central Missouri) will feature three events in September. The Cole County Citizens Council will host a long-term recovery tabletop exercise on September 6 in Jefferson City. The Camdenton Citizen Council will host a preparedness and safety fair at the Osage Beach Premium Outlet on September 9. The Cole County Citizen Council will host a Citizen Council Conference at SEMA on September 28.

Troop G (Southern Missouri) The Douglas County Citizen Council is hosting a preparedness and safety fair showcasing first responders, storm watchers, ham radio operators and CERT teams at Ava's Wal-Mart on September 16.

Troop H (Northwest Missouri) Northwest Missouri Homeland Security Response Teams (HRSTs) conducted a regional exercise in late August. The exercise featured the established Buchanan County HRST team, and the recently additions of the St. Joseph Fire and Chillicothe Teams. Additionally new team components are also being formed in Harrison and Atchison Counties.

Troop I (South Central Missouri) The Phelps County Disaster Committee will distribute Ready-In-3 information to the public at the St. James Grape & Fall Festival September 7-9.